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Annotations

1. Election of officers

Rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council stipulates that, at the commencement of the first meeting of a regular session, the Commission shall elect from among the representatives of its members a Chairman, one or more Vice-Chairmen and such other officers as may be required. Following the established practice, the Commission shall elect a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur or Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur.

In accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 2002/210 of 13 February 2002, the Commission, immediately following the closure of a regular session, should hold the first meeting of its subsequent regular session for the sole purpose of electing the new Chairman and other members of the Bureau. Consequently, the Commission held the first meeting of its forty-third session on 20 February 2004, immediately following the closure of its forty-second session, and elected by acclamation Dumisani Shadrack Kumalo (South Africa) as Chairman of the Commission and Hossein Moeini Meybodi (Islamic Republic of Iran), Octavian Stamate (Romania), Paloma Durán (Spain), and Ewald Wensley Limon (Suriname) as Vice-Chairmen.

At the opening meeting of its forty-third session, on 9 February 2005, the Commission will designate one of its Vice-Chairmen as having rapporteurial responsibilities.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 7 of the rules of procedure requires that, after the election of its officers at the beginning of each session, the Commission shall adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda.

In paragraph 46 of its resolution 57/270 B, the General Assembly requested each functional commission to examine its methods of work in order to better pursue the implementation of the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, and to report to the Economic and Social Council no later than 2005 on the outcome of that examination. Accordingly, at its forty-second session the Commission, in its decision 42/101, took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the review of the methods of work of the Commission (E/CN.5/2004/2) as well as the views expressed by delegations on the review of its methods of work and decided to continue consideration of the subject at its forty-third session.

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda (E/CN.5/2005/1)

Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the work of the session (E/CN.5/2005/L.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on the methods of work of the Commission (E/CN.5/2005/2)

3. **Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly**

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 55/46 on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly entitled "World Summit for Social Development and Beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world", the Commission will undertake regular assessment of the implementation of the Copenhagen commitments and further initiatives adopted at Geneva.

(a) Priority theme: review of further implementation of the World Summit for Social Development and the outcome of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

In its resolution 2004/58, the Economic and Social Council decided that the Commission should convene, at its forty-third session, high-level plenary meetings open to the participation of all States Members of the United Nations and observers on the 10-year review of the implementation of the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action and the outcome of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly. The high-level plenary meetings will be held on 10 and 11 February 2005.

The Commission will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the priority theme.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the review of further implementation of the World Summit for Social Development and the outcome of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (E/CN.5/2005/6)

(b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups

(i) World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons

(ii) World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond

(iii) Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

(iv) Tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family and beyond

The Commission will consider issues pertaining to the situation of social groups. It will have before it the report of the Special Rapporteur on disability of the Commission for Social Development, as well as the reports of the Secretary-General on the World Youth Report 2005 and the follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing.

Documentation

Report of the Special Rapporteur on disability of the Commission for Social Development on the monitoring of the implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities (E/CN.5/2005/5)

Report of the Secretary-General: World Youth Report 2005 (E/CN.5/2005/...)

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing (A/59/164): in accordance with the request of the General Assembly, the document is being made available to the Commission at its forty-third session in order to assist the Commission in its deliberations

4. Programme questions and other matters

(a) Programme performance and implementation for the biennium 2002-2003

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 39/238 of 18 December 1984, the Commission will have before it excerpts from the report of the Secretary-General on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2002-2003 (A/59/69) and from the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its forty-fourth session (A/59/16).

(b) Proposed programme of work for the biennium 2006-2007

The Commission will have before it the proposed programme of work of the Secretariat for the biennium 2006-2007 in the field of social development.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the draft programme of work of the Division for Social Policy and Development for the biennium 2006-2007 (E/CN.5/2005/...)

(c) United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

Nomination of members of the Board of the Institute

The Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development is composed of 10 members who are nominated by the Commission and confirmed by the Economic and Social Council for a term of four years, renewable once for a further two years, in accordance with Commission resolution 10 (XXV).

The Commission, at its forty-third session, will be called upon to nominate a number of new members and to renominate some existing members of the Board. The Council will be called upon to confirm those nominations in 2005.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the nomination of members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (E/CN.5/2005/4 and Add.1)

Report of the Board of the Institute

In accordance with its terms of reference, the Board of the Institute submits to the Commission a report on the progress of its work. The Commission will have before it the report of the Board covering the biennium 2003-2004.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (E/CN.5/2005/3)

5. Provisional agenda for the forty-fourth session of the Commission

In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the Commission will have before it the draft provisional agenda for its forty-fourth session, together with an indication of the documentation to be submitted for its consideration.

Documentation

Draft provisional agenda for the forty-fourth session of the Commission (E/CN.5/2005/L...)

6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-third session

In accordance with rule 37 of the rules of procedure, the Commission shall submit to the Council a report on the work of its forty-third session.